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SUBJECT: ENERGY: B.C. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF DECEMBER 11 REPORTS THAT BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIER BARRETT TOLD DECEMBER 9-10 MEETING IN OTTAWA OF FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL FINANCE MINISTERS (BARRETT ALSO SERVES AS HIS PROVINCE'S FINANCE MINISTER) THAT FEDERAL TAX MEASURES HAVE "KILLED" NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION ACTIVITY IN B.C. AND THE SHORTFALL TO U.S. CONSUMERS NEXT YEAR MAY REACH 500 MILLION CUBIC FEET DAILY. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT GOC MUST ACCEPT THE BLAME FOR THIS SITUATION.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE MEETING, WHICH WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL RESOURCE TAXATION DISPUTE, FAILED TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY WHATSOEVER AND WILL NOW HAVE TO BE ESCALATED TO MEETING OF FIRST PREMIERS. BARRETT REPORTEDLY REQUESTED A 6-12 MONTH MORATORIUM IN IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL TAXATION MEASURES BUT WAS FLATLY TURNED DOWN BY FINANCE MINISTER TURNER.

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